

# The RECORD



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## May Meeting Notice

**M**r. and Mrs. Jeff Secor invite you to a "Garden Party" at their home...

### *The Manour of Truman's Place*

May 21, 2005

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The 1st floor of the home will be open as well as the carriage house.

Please do not wear heels.

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#### *Directions:*

From Waldorf: South of Rt. 5 or Leonardtown Road approximately 9.2 miles;  
Left on Gallant Green Road, 1.3 miles;  
Right on Truman Manour Lane, 0.9 miles;  
Road will curve slight left –  
make right turn immediately onto  
Truman Manour Place, 0.1 miles  
Watch for Balloons. 5970 Truman Manour Place.

**T**he Manour of Truman's Place, on the Patuxent side of the county, was granted to Nathaniel Truman in 1665. The manor house was originally a story and a half house of four rooms, built some time after the grant. During the early 1800's the roof was raised to form a full second story, but the original roof line can still be clearly seen.

In 1814 the British landed at nearby Benedict, and during their march to Washington stopped by the Manour of Truman's Place long enough to burn the cookhouse and pillage the place.

Dr. James Long once lived here, but moved on to Texas, where he was noted for his leadership in the fight for the independence of that territory. His wife, Jane Wilkinson Long, who was born at Truman's Place, became know as "The Mother of Texas."

As can be noted from the picture, The Manour of Truman's Place is another of Charles County's extremely handsome mansions.

# President's Message

**Kaye O'Kelley, President, The Historical Society of Charles County**

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or those of you who missed the Winter meeting which was held in February after being cancelled in January due to snow, missed an excellent program. Mr. Scott Lawrence gave a slide presentation on the preservation on the St. Nicholas Cemetery Restoration Project.

Suzanne Carr, our program chairman is working on our Fall Meeting Program. This will be our annual business meeting as well as a dinner and program.

Please put October 22, 2005, on your calendar and plan to attend.

Also, if you are interested in receiving *The Record* by e-mail, please send us your e-mail address.

Thanks, and have a great summer!!!

Kaye O'Kelley

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## In Memoriam

**Eugene Augustine Jenkins, Jr. of Maryland**

*Eugene Jenkins served as President of the Historical Society of Charles County on two occasions – 1963-64 and 1966-67.*

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r. President, I would like to notice the passing this week of Eugene Augustine Jenkins, Jr. of Maryland, a loyal Senate staff member and legal counsel to several senators over the course of almost four decades. Gene Jenkins came to the Senate in 1953 after serving in the Air Force as an Assistant Judge Advocate General from 1951 to 1953, and after receiving bachelor and law degrees from Georgetown University. He worked for Senators J. Glenn Beall and Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland, Senator Winston Prouty of Vermont and Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska.

During his long years of service, Gene Jenkins garnered a reputation not only as a fine lawyer but also as the most meticulous historian and archivist that a Senator could hire to prepare their historical records and papers. A Senator that hired Gene Jenkins would have to hide the fact by hiding Jenkins' office because Jenkins' reputation was so well known that if a Senator had hired him it clearly signaled that the Senator was about to retire.

A member of the family that once owned Jenkins Hill, which we now call Capitol Hill, Gene Jenkins

not only served the Senate modestly but he was a public servant and good citizen in the truest sense, dedicating himself to numerous voluntary organizations, including his beloved Society of the Cincinnati and the Stewards of Georgetown.

He was devoted to his Church and volunteered for many years with Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity. He will be buried this coming Monday at St. Joseph's Parish in southern Maryland, one of the oldest Roman Catholic churches in North America, near his family home in Pomfret where the Jenkins family has been buried for generations – a final resting place befitting a historian. May he rest in peace.

**William H. Irish, M.D.**

Majority Leader

**United States Senate**

*The Congressional Record, July 10, 2003*

*Editor's Note: Upon his death, Mr. Jenkins generously donated funds to the Historical Society of Charles County.*



# The Historical Society of Charles County, Inc.



## **REGISTRATION** *for the May Meeting*

- Date:** May 21, 2005  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** The Manour of Truman's Place  
5970 Truman Manor Place  
Bryantown, Maryland  
**Cost:** \$25.00 per person

*Please return the registration information below by May 15, 2005 to:*

Judy Ruth  
9050 Bridgett Lane  
La Plata, Maryland 20646  
301-934-5717

Please make your check payable to The Historical Society of Charles County, Inc. and send your registration and check to:

Judy Ruth  
9050 Bridgett Lane  
La Plata, MD 20646

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Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Flag Folding

In May we celebrate Memorial Day where flags are placed on the graves of veterans and in June we celebrate Flag Day. I thought it would be appropriate to know a little more about what our flag represents.

As an Army and Navy custom, the flag is lowered daily at the last note of retreat. Special care should be taken that no part of the flag touches the ground. The Flag is then carefully folded into the shape of a tri-cornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by colonial soldiers during the War of Independence. In the folding, the red and white stripes are finally wrapped into the blue, as the light of day vanishes into the darkness of night.

This custom of special folding is reserved for the United States Flag alone.

## HOW TO FOLD THE FLAG

### Step 1



To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.

### Step 2



Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.

### Step 3

Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.



### Step 4



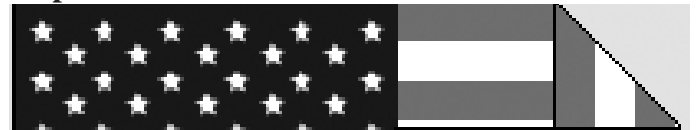
Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.



### Step 5

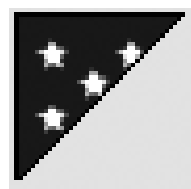
Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.

### Step 6



The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.

### Step 7



When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.

# Flag Folding Ceremony

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

Here is a typical sequence of the reading:

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for

which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

The Flag Folding Ceremony above is from the US Air Force Academy.

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